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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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EOPSS Funding Opportunities

Underage Alcohol Enforcement Grant Program

Application Deadline: November 6, 2009 at noon

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Highway Safety Division seeks applications for up to \$600,000 in funding for local and campus police departments to conduct underage alcohol enforcement activities. Allowable activities include, but are not limited to, reverse stings, compliance checks, and surveillance patrols.

For more information: www.mass.gov/highwaysafety (click on FFY 2009 Underage Alcohol Enforcement Grant) or contact Dan DeMille at Daniel.DeMille@state.ma.us.

Other Funding Opportunities

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

NIJ Graduate Research Fellowship 2009

Application Deadline: November 21, 2008

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to provide assistance to universities for dissertation research support to outstanding doctoral students undertaking independent research on issues related to crime and justice. Research must focus on a topic relevant to filling key gaps in scientific knowledge relevant to criminal justice policy and practice in the United States and to the concerns of criminal justice agencies and related agencies focusing on crime and justice problems in the United States. Applications will be accepted from accredited universities in the United States for support of students who have completed, or are near completion of, all doctoral degree requirements except the research, writing, and final defense of a dissertation.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000836.pdf>.

Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program

Application Deadline: Open (an application for funding or technical assistance should be submitted to the OVC Director as soon as practical following a terrorist or mass violence incident)

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) developed the Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program to provide timely assistance to jurisdictions to address victim needs in the aftermath of an act of terrorism or mass violence. Applicants can apply for funds for only two situations: to compensate *and* assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur within the United States, or to assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur outside the United States. The funds available through the program may supplement other resources and services available to jurisdictions responding to acts of terrorism or mass violence. Applicants eligible for funding include state victim assistance and victim compensation programs; public agencies including federal, state, and local governments; and victim service and non-governmental organizations.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdf/txt/antiterrorapplication.pdf>.

Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program

Application Deadline: Open (contingent upon funding availability)

OVC will provide up to \$10,000 each to grassroots community and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to help improve their outreach and services to crime victims, through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers. Eligible applicants include organizations and coalitions operating for at least 1 year that have not received federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) victim assistance grant funding and that have an annual operating budget of \$50,000 or less. All applicants must also have a history of serving crime victims.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>.

Research and Publications

America's Children in Brief: Key National Indicators of Well-Being

Published by the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, this report is a summary version of the larger report, America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, which is published in alternating years. The goal of the series is to provide an accessible compendium of information aimed to advance the understanding of children today and explain what is necessary for them to succeed in the future. Topics include: family and social environment, economic circumstances, health care, physical environment and safety, behavior, education, and health.

Access full text: http://www.childstats.gov/pdf/ac2008/ac_08.pdf.

Federal Justice Statistics, 2005

This Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) report presents information on suspects and defendants processed in the federal criminal justice system in 2005. Part of the BJS Federal Justice Statistics Program, data were collected from federal law enforcement, courts, and corrections agencies. Focusing on persons arrested, investigated, convicted, and sentenced for a federal law violation, the report includes the number of offenders under federal correctional supervision and details on case outcomes.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/fjs05.pdf>.

Cybercrime Against Businesses, 2005

This BJS report provides data on the nature and prevalence of cybercrime incidents against nearly 8,000 businesses in 2005. The report includes statistics on types of cybercrime offenders, police reporting, reasons for non-reporting, types of systems affected, and common security vulnerabilities. Also included are analyses of dollars lost and system downtime subsequent to cyber attacks, as well as in-house security and outsourced security comparisons in terms of frequency of cyber incidents.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cb05.pdf>.

Combat Deployment and the Returning Police Officer

This report, recently published by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), this report presents an overview of issues faced by police officers as they transition back to work after combat zone deployment. The report includes details on the psychological effects of combat deployment, methods to help lessen the severity of combat stress experienced, and strategies used by police department to assist officers in returning to work, their families, and communities. Also included in the report are recommendations for further study.

Access full text at: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/files/RIC/Publications/e08086158Combat.pdf>.

Gender, Mental Illness, and Crime

Funded by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), this report examines the results of a study on the gendered effects of depression, drug use, and treatment on crime and the effects of interaction with the criminal justice system on subsequent depression and drug use. Using data collected in 2004 as part of the National Household Survey on Drug Use and Health, the report analyzes the gender differences in the relationships between illegal drug use, criminal activity, depression, and other factors. The goal of the report is to better understand how men and women experience depression, drug use, and crime differently, possibly influencing treatment and/or rehabilitation procedures and policies.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/224028.pdf>.

Conferences and Trainings

Moving Together 2008

October 14, 2008 in Boston, MA

Sponsored by the Executive Office of Transportation and Public Works, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, and MassHighway, along with the Departments of Conservation and Recreation and Public Health, the Highway Safety Division, and the Federal Highway Administration, this day-long annual statewide bicycling and walking conference will feature workshops and exhibits focused on improving bicycling and walking conditions locally, regionally, and statewide. This year's keynote speaker will be Dr. Gabe Rousseau, National Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager for the Federal Highway Administration.

For registration information: www.baystateroads.org/mt.

BJS/JRSA 2008 National Conference: Using Data to Improve Justice Policy and Practice

October 16-17, 2008 in Portland, OR

This Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) and Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA) conference will focus on the use of statistics and research in the development of justice-related policies and programs nationwide. Criminal justice professionals from all areas of government and academia will share up-to-date data and research and discuss opportunities for improving the quality of these resources. In addition, JRSA will offer pre- and post-conference seminars on mapping, cost benefit analysis, evaluation methods, forecasting, and statistics.

For more information: <http://www.jrsa.org/events/conference/index.html>.

Meeting the Challenges of Leadership

October 27-29, 2008 in Brookline, MA

The Brookline Police Department is hosting this seminar as part of the Leadership Training for Women in Law Enforcement. Lead by Chief Karin Motejo of the Miami-Dade Police Department, this seminar is an interactive, student driven course that prepares women in today's law enforcement field for the practical and challenging aspects of assuming a command role within their departments. Featured modules will focus on females in leadership, views of women in law enforcement, and communication. Additional topics to be discussed include: goal setting, identifying leadership styles, promotional training, culture and climate influences on the promotional process, and time and stress management.

For more information: contact Lt. June Murphy at (617) 730-2249 or (617) 730-2222, email: murphy521@comcast.net, or PO Holly Jordan at (617) 730-2230.

2008 Technologies for Critical Incident Preparedness Conference and Exposition

October 29-31, 2008 in Chicago, IL

Presented by the U.S. Departments of Justice, Homeland Security, and Defense, this 10th annual conference will highlight technology and training tools currently available and being developed for the emergency responder community. The conference will bring together key leaders and decision makers in an effort to provide emergency responders the opportunity to discuss best practices, exchange ideas, and develop important connections.

For more information: <http://www.ctc.org>.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police 115th Annual Conference & Exposition

November 8-12, 2008 in San Diego, CA

Sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, this conference will offer over 100 educational sessions on current issues, trends, and lessons learned from the field. Topics from past conferences include strategies for leading change in police culture, less than lethal issues, online learning and operational support, public law enforcement and private security collaboration, violent crime, use of force issues, training, and case studies.

For more information: <http://www.theiacpconference.org/>.

60th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology

November 12-15, 2008 in St. Louis, MO

Sponsored by the American Society of Criminology, the purpose of this conference is to provide criminal justice professionals with a forum to present research findings related to criminal justice topics, as well as new directions for policy and research. Special topics include: innovations in justice research and policy, juvenile delinquency and juvenile justice, problem-oriented and community policing, theories of victimization, and batterer intervention.

For more information: <http://www.asc41.com/annualmeeting.htm>.

22nd Annual National Meeting on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention in Higher Education

November 16-19, 2008 in St. Paul, MN

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, this conference will focus on issues related to alcohol and other drug abuse and violence prevention on college campuses and surrounding communities. The conference provides a forum for participants to discuss a wide array of prevention issues facing college campuses, including alcohol and other drug use, violence, mental health, and emergency preparedness and management.

For more information: www.higheredcenter.org/natl/2008/.

News

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

Wampanoag Tribe Will Ask Patrick to Open Casino Talks

***The Boston Globe*, September 2, 2008**

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe plans to formally ask Governor Deval Patrick to negotiate an agreement for a \$1 billion resort casino in Middleborough, an overture that could reignite the gambling debate and possibly pave the way for the state's first casino, reports *The Boston Globe*. The tribe has already been pursuing a casino through a Federal Department of the Interior application. Striking a deal with the state would likely speed approval, permit the tribe to offer bigger jackpots and more games like blackjack and craps, while at the same time giving the state a share of the casino revenues. Tribal officials are hoping to hammer out a deal with the state over the next several months that, if the necessary approvals from the federal government come through, could allow the tribe to start construction on a massive casino as early as next spring.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/breaking_news/2008/09/wampanoag_tribe.html.

State Launches Underage Drinking Crackdown

***The Boston Globe*, September 10, 2008**

State investigators found more than 56 people under the legal drinking age of 21 in possession of alcohol last weekend as part of an ongoing effort to crack down on underage drinking across the state, states *The Boston Globe*. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission says in addition, it found 33 people who bought or attempted to buy alcohol for someone else under 21 and six people with fake identification. Those who bought or attempted to buy alcohol for people under 21 will likely face charges.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2008/09/10/state_launches_underage_drinking_crackdown/.

Hub to Put End to Plainclothes Patrols

***The Boston Globe*, September 12, 2008**

The Boston Globe recently reported that all 80 of Boston's plainclothes patrol officers will soon be ditching their jeans and T-shirts and donning uniforms in an effort to increase police visibility throughout the city and make residents feel safer, Commissioner Edward F. Davis said. The new directive, which Davis will put into effect next week, means the officers, who have been focused on monitoring criminals and catching them in the act, will now help deter crime. Davis said part of the goal is to help make residents more comfortable talking to officers on the street. The move will not affect patrol officers in specialized divisions like the gang unit and the fugitive task force, Davis said.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/09/12/hub_to_put_end_to_plainclothes_patrols/.

Officials Unite to Fight Marijuana Initiative

***The Boston Globe*, September 17, 2008**

According to *The Boston Globe*, law enforcement officials statewide are uniting against a referendum question they fear will increase marijuana use among teenagers and generate more crime across the state. The state's 11 district attorneys are unanimously opposing Question 2 and are being joined by police chiefs and some community groups, fearing it will undo years of effort to reduce drug use among teenagers. Governor Deval Patrick's administration is also opposed, according to a spokesman. Supporters of Question 2, organized under the name Committee for Sensible Marijuana Policy, said that if Question 2 passes the new approach will increase parental involvement in marijuana cases for those under 18 years old and will require the teenagers to complete drug awareness training and do 10 hours of community service.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/09/17/officials_unite_to_fight_marijuana_initiative/.

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